

President's Podium

The Christmas Dinner Party on Saturday night was enjoyed by the 55 people who attended. As promised, there was laughter, tasty Christmas food, music to sing or dance to and the company was excellent.

Centre Pairs – Held over last weekend Burnside were well represented with 4 teams of women, and 3 teams of men in Post Section. That is a very good indication of the number of talented bowlers among our Burnside membership. Congratulations to Mike and Matt Small who will be playing in the Semi-Final.

News – Bowls Canterbury Finals Weekend will be held at Burnside on the weekend 30-31 January

Masterclass tickets – The 20 tickets for a session with Jo Edwards and Val Smith on 14th January, prior to the Grenadier Stewart Buttar Burnside Pairs, are all sold.

Merry Christmas everyone.

Match Committee

The Match Committee has made the decision to reduce the Men's Pairs to 18 ends for all rounds (including the quarters, semi and Final). This is in line with Bowls Canterbury decision to make the champion of Champion pairs 18 ends.

Entry forms have been posted on the men's Match room wall for the handicap singles and pairs. Entries close 17th January.

Also on the men's Match room wall is the entry form for the Morrison Cup. To play in this event you either need to have not played in the championship singles or have lost the first game you played on both sides. Entries for this will also close 17th January.

Entries for the Men's Triples close 24th January

Unfortunately, several players have had to be scratched from the men's championship Singles and pairs for not playing their games in a timely fashion. This is a reminder to those that are still behind to please get your games played up to date. If you are holding up the next round, you will be scratched from the competition in order to allow the competition to keep progressing on time.

Regards - Match Committee

Bar Roster

The first roster for 2021 is as follows.

Monday 4 January , 4.00 to 6.30 pm - John Reese (also Shift Manager for the week)

Friday 8 January 4.00 to 6.30 pm - Allan Vernal

Saturday 9 January 4.00 to 6.30 pm - Vincent Chia

Greens availability over holiday period

The greens will be available each day. They WILL NOT BE PREPARED on Friday 25th, Saturday 26th, Sunday 27th, and Friday 1st.



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Pre-Christmas Interclub Results

A cursory look at the Bowls Canterbury Results page shows that Burnside teams figured in the top 2 of many competitions –

Men's 3 x 4 – First in Division 1

Men's 3 x 4 – Second in Division 2

Men's 3 x 4 – First in Division 3

Men's 2 x 4 – Second in Division 1

Men's 2 x 4 – Second in Division 5

Women's 2 x 4 – First in Division 2

Women's 2 x 4 – Second in Division 3

Women's 5's – Second in Division 6

(This list is far from exhaustive and congratulations are extended to those teams that had success in the other competitions the club entered in this half of the bowls season – Editor)

Bowls New Zealand Nationals

The Singles and Pairs will be contested at Auckland and North Harbour venues from January 2 to January 8. Burnside members entered include Richard Hocking and Tayla Bruce

(If I have missed anyone then let me know and I will publicise via a special club email – Editor)

Club Security

Members should be more conscious of the security of the club, locking the doors and gate, setting the alarm over the holiday period. Members should not assume that someone else will be coming by to take care of making the club secure.

Ham and other winners

Hams -

No. 10 Peter Bartosh

No. 13 Brad Sinclair

No. 15 Brenda Turner

No. 24 Muzza

No. 35 Mehaffey

No. 38 Gay Bunting

No. 50 Brad Sinclair

No. 67 Alan Perry

No. 80 Lindsay H

No. 87 Bob Curragh

Other prize winners-

No. 7 Gay Boyd

No. 14 Lyn Martin

No. 17 Neil Anderson

No. 25 Mike Reynolds

No. 41 Mike Brereton

No. 49 Bill Fowlie

No. 57 Johnny Rowe

No. 70 Cath Burrows

No. 73 Cam Bailey

No. 92 Brian Burney

Post-Christmas Interclub

Do not forget to enter your name on interclub sheets for post-Christmas play.

Close off date is 5 January in the match rooms.

Grenadier Stewart Buttar Burnside Pairs

Our premier event of the season to be run from Friday 15 January to Sunday 17 January. A top field from the length and breadth of New Zealand has been assembled. Full entry list and other details are available on the Club Website – Burnside Pairs tab.

The Organising committee has decided that the Pro-Am tournament that has been run on the Thursday evening prior to the Pairs will not be staged this year.

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Umpire's Corner

Question (xlviii)

Can a player change bowls after trial ends?

Answer

Yes. (So long as the replacement bowls pass inspection by the umpire)

Question (xlix)

A knockout game is drawn after the scheduled number of ends have been completed.

- a) From which end of the green should the extra end be played?
- b) Who delivers the jack?

If the extra end is tied (e.g., two bowls touching the jack – no live bowls left on the rink) what happens?

From the Editor's Desk

Where does one start? A year that everyone will remember and learnt new words (COVID-19, pandemic) and used other words in a new way (Bubble, lockdown, social distancing, team of 5 million) to name a few.

The festive season is upon us and unlike some other countries of the world we are free to travel within New Zealand and gather with our family and friends, at home, the family Bach/Crib or at a concert or sporting event. Give thoughts to those in parts of the world who are going into lockdown or are severely restricted in their movements.

We have got this far by being sensible, let's be vigilant and not let our guard down so we can continue to enjoy this freedom.

This is the last Hot Line for 2020 with the next edition published on Thursday January 14, 2021.

From me to you – Have a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



Ken's section

Saturday 26 December (Boxing Day) and Saturday 2 January (Day after New Year's Day) - no Organised Bowls on these two Saturdays. One green will be available every day however, if you would like to have a practice or roll up throughout the holiday period.

Please be aware that the green will not be rolled on Friday, Saturday and Sunday - 25-27 December 2020, and Friday, 1 January 2021.

Saturday 9 January 2021

Festival Bowls - first in the New Year! 1-30 pm start. Enter on the sheets in the match rooms or on the web site.

NB The Monday Festival Bowls in the programme is an error.

NB Women's Club Championship Triples Round 4 is also programmed at 1-30 pm on this Saturday.

Saturday 16 January 2021

Grenadier Stewart Buttar Burnside Pairs. If you haven't got your invitation yet you won't be playing at Burnside this weekend. BUT YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE MANY OF THE BEST PLAYERS IN NZ PLAYING ON OUR GREENS, AND YOU WILL BE ABLE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP THE ORGANISERS RUN THIS ICONIC EVENT!

Not to be missed.....

Saturday 23 January

Elmburn Trophy Friendly Interclub v Elmwood Park at Burnside (mixed, Fours, Club Uniform) 1-30 pm start. 32 players needed.

Festival Bowls - 1-30 start.

Enter for both or either events on the entry sheets in the match room or on the web site. Everyone who wants a game this afternoon will play in one of these events and all will get at least one savoury.

Saturday 30 January

Fenburn Duster Friendly Interclub v Fendalton at Burnside starting at 1-30 pm.

All the fine details are the same as above for the Elmburn event eg 32 players etc.

Ditto for the Festival Bowls tournament and the savoury.

NB Nothing else is programmed on these two Saturday afternoons.

Manning Cup

If you are not playing in the Men's Triples Championships or the Women's Eights on Saturday afternoons then the Manning Cup competition might be for you. This is a Centre interclub event held over 7 rounds on Saturday afternoons starting on February 6. Teams can be mixed and are selected each week by John Ross. A team is made up of two fours and last year Burnside entered two teams (16 players each week). Working out who wins the Manning Cup can seem to be complicated but it's not really. Entries from the Club are due early in January so if you want to be considered to play in this very good competition please enter your name ASAP on the list on the notice board on the right-hand side just inside the men's match room door.

Wishing everyone a merry Christmas and a very happy, successful and safe New Year

Ken WP

Now we are ready to roll the presses.

Time for me to go to bed. See you again 14 January 2021.



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